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Memorandum for: Acting Director of Central Intelligence
Through: Deputy Director (Support)
Subject: Use of Polygraph to Protect Agency Employees
Against False Allegations

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. A prevalent misconception of the use of the polygraph amongst Agency employees is that it is only a means of "forcing" derogatory information out of the subject being interrogated; in other words, a form of "rubber hose". Attached herewith are several recent examples wherein the polygraph has cleared employees of vicious allegations. Particularly in cases where the allegation is made in the form of an affidavit and the rebuttal is also an affidavit, there is no other way to arrive at the truth. From now on, I intend to keep statistics on cases where the polygraph has been of definite advantage to the future career of employees.

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